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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. Yamada et al. : Art Unit:  
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FOR: DATA RECORDING/REPRODUCING :  
METHOD, DATA :  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING SYSTEM,  
RECORDING APPARATUS,  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND  
PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert THIS  
APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP99/00292--.

On page 17, line 10, "part" should be --means--.

On page 37, line 25, between "Kco," and "represents" insert  
--Kco--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: